

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff

v.

Case No. 24-30536
Originating No. 24CR71

BILAL MOURTADA SAFAWI

Defendant.

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**GOVERNMENT'S PETITION
FOR TRANSFER OF DEFENDANT TO
ANOTHER DISTRICT AND SUPPORTING BRIEF**

Pursuant to Rule 5(c)(3)(D) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States of America hereby petitions the Court for an order transferring defendant, **BILAL MOURTADA SAFAWI**, to answer charges pending in another federal district, and states:

1. On **December 18, 2024**, the defendant was arrested in the Eastern District of Michigan in connection with a federal arrest warrant issued in the **Eastern District of Texas based on a Superseding Indictment. The defendant is charged in that district with violating 18 USC Sections 1349 and 1343 – Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud and Mail Fraud and Wire Fraud.**

2. Rule 5 requires this Court to determine whether the defendant is the person named in the arrest warrant, Fed. R. Crim. P. 5(c)(3)(D)(ii); whether the defendant is

entitled to a preliminary hearing, Fed. R. Crim. P. 5(c)(3)(C); and whether the defendant should be detained, Fed. R. Crim. P. 5(d)(3).

WHEREFORE, the government requests this Court to conduct transfer proceedings in accordance with Rule 5 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

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